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SUBJECT: CHILE AT THE VIII OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING OASGA WITH ULDARICIO FIGUEROA, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, JUNE 15. FROM THAT CONVERSATION IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MAJOR CONFRONTATION ISSUES BETWEEN CHILE AND THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, GOC IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE REPORT ON CHILE BUT WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN AN APPROPRIATELY SERIOUS MANNER. CHILE HAS NOT YET FORMULATED ITS POSITION ON THE STATUS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ONCE THE SAN JOSE PACT COMES INTO EFFECT. FIGUEROA SUGGESTED THAT CHILE MIGHT ITSELF MOVE TOWARD RATIFICATION OF THE PACT ONCE IT HAS COME INTO EFFECT THROUGH THE SIGNATURES OF ELEVEN OTHER COUNTRIES. EMBOFF ASKED WHY CHILE DID NOT MOVE NOW, IN ORDER TO GAIN SOME HUMAN RIGHTS CREDIT. FIGUEROA REPLIED THAT SUCH A STRATEGY DOES NOT PAY DIVIDENDS -- THAT CHILE'S CRITICS
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WOULD CLAIM RATIFICATION WAS ONLY A COSMETIC GESTURE.

2. CHILE EXPECTS BOLIVIA TO RAISE THE CORRIDOR PROBLEM AT THE OASGA. IF SO, CHILE WILL REPLY QUICKLY AND FORCEFULLY. THE CHILEAN POSITION ON A POSSIBLE CORRIDOR FOR BOLIVIA IS THAT IT IS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE A BILATERAL PROBLEM BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE AND THEN A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION WITH PERU UNDER THE CHILE/PERU TREAT

OF 1929. IT IS NOT AND CANNOT BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. TURNING TO THE OTHER BORDER, CHILE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ARGENTINA WILL RAISE THE BEAGLE CHANNEL ISSUE (FIGUEROA COMMENTED THAT THE OAS IS A VERY LEGALISTIC BODY AND ARGENTINA IS IN A POOR POSITION ON THOSE GROUNDS) NOR DOES CHILE HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DOING SO.

3. FIGUEROA SAID IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED IF FOREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS WILL ADDRESS THE PLENARY. IF HE DOES THE GENERAL THEME WILL BE ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT ACCORDING TO FIGUEROA, CHILE DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME.
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